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Description
This folder contains letters by Ira Mandeville Miller (1856-1934), older brother of Mina Miller Edison. The selected items, which cover the years 1886 and 1905-1908, consist of nine letters to Mina Edison and her brother, John V. Miller, along with one letter to Ira from his sister. Ira Miller was the midwestern agent for several automobile companies, including the Edison-owned Lansden Co., and some of the letters refer to his business dealings. There are also references to a loan made by Mina to her brother.

Additional letters by Ira M. Miller can be found in the Charles Edison Fund Collection and in the David E. E. Sloane Collection.

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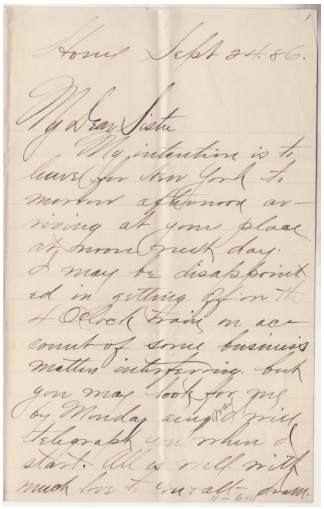

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[FL001A], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 24th, 1886

Title
[FL001A], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, September 24th, 1886

Author
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1886-09-24

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel
- TAE visitors

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Rome Sept 24. 86.

My dear Sister

My intention is to leave for New York to morrow afternoon arriving at your place at noon Friday. I may be disappointed in getting off in the 4 Oclock train on account of some business matter interfering. But you may look for me by Monday and will telegraph you when I start. All is well with much love to you all

Grant.

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[FL001AAA], Bill/Receipt from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Ira Mandeville Miller, January 20th, 1905

Title
[FL001AAA], Bill/Receipt from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Ira Mandeville Miller, January 20th, 1905

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Date
1905-01-20

Type
Bill/Receipt

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)

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1905

TAE
-family
-Miller, Dr.

GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

Jan 20th 1905

Rec'd from Mina B Edson
Note for $2500 dated Jan 2
1903 and in favor of her
to be renewed for one year
interest included + returned
to her

Wm Miller

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[FL001AAB], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 26th, 1906

Title
[FL001AAB], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 26th, 1906

Author
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Date
1906-06-26

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)

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Akron, Ohio, June 26th, 1906.

Mrs. Mina Edison, -

As a family we made a subscription to the Chautauqua Institution to assist in building the Hall of Philosophy, it being understood that we as a family were to supply funds for the construction of one pillar of such building.

The total subscription amounted to $250. Dividing this into eight equal parts, makes your share $31.25. If you will kindly remit this amount to me so we can make up our fund now owing, i.e., $250., you will greatly oblige.

I have not counted Mother in this donation, thinking we had better do it independently of her if possible.

Yours,

Charles A. Edison

Mme.

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[FL001AAC], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 16th, 1906

Title
[FL001AAC], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 16th, 1906

Author
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1906-07-16

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)

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Mina

WILLIAM A. VINCENT, PRESIDENT IRA M. MILLER, SEC'Y & TREAS.

Please address all Business letters to the Company.

GENERAL OFFICE AND WORKS AT
AKRON, OHIO, U. S. A.

The Automatic & Miller Buckeye Co.
INCORPORATED.
Buckeye Harvesting Machines,
Binder Twine.

Akron, Ohio, July 16th 1906

Dear Mina:-

You will find inclosed renewed note which I thank you very much for carrying along in this way and I hope some day my opportunity for reciprocating may come. I had the old note but hope my delay has not inconvenienced you any. All mama doing about as usual here at home. Family all away but I am going to stay and be with them Saturday. With my best wishes to you and all the Edison family I am

Yours affectionately

Ira M. Miller

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[FL001AAD], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 6th, 1907

Title
[FL001AAD], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 6th, 1907

Author
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Aultman Miller & Co
- Miller, John Vincent

Date
1907-06-06

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Stocks, bonds, and investments

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IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, O.

June 6th 1907

Dear Mina:-

Since my return home I have looked up your stock holders liability matter. I find it has to do entirely with the Auttman Miller & Co and that you hold Certificate #289 for 25 shares or $2500.00 and that John holds Certs #175 for 50 shares #374 for 20 shares or $7000.00 in all I find the Banks have about given up their right against this liability and are now paying in to the trustees upon a compromise settlement of 50c on the dollar. I have had a long talk with Geo C. Kohler the Atty prosecuting these cases and he made me this proposition for your settlement Namely- Send him $1800.00 Cash and he would release all further claims against you and John

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, O.

I think Mina under the circumstances this is liberal and I would advise you and John accepting at once. The Banks are paying five times as much and such liability as this you never can get away from. If I can be any further service to you will be glad to serve you.

Yours Affectionately
Ira

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[FL001AAE], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 29th, 1907

Title
[FL001AAE], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 29th, 1907

Author
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Miller, John Vincent

Date
1907-07-29

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Stocks, bonds, and investments

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IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, O.

July 29th 1907

Dear Mina:- Mr Kohler has been away but I have just met him and in our talk your Stockholder Liability matter came up as I wanted it to and Mr Kohler said that if you and John wanted to separate your cases that he would consider same in that way but propositions must come from you for settlement rather from him in other words, he is subject to the Court and the Court will expect him to get full payment. Of course we all know he is not going to get full payment from any one without a long fight and therefore compromise offers are being made by the debtors and Kohler takes them to the Court and if the Court see fit

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IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, O.

to accept the Offer. settlements
are made right then and there
Now as John wants to handle
his own case. I have asked
Kohler to suggest to me what he thought
of $250.00 as a settlement for your
his reply was that they were not
so much after our family as we might feel but the Court
must do its duty and get all they
can and if $250.00 was your offer
and you would send a check
payable to me to be turned over
to the Court on receipt of his
acknowledgment of your settlement
in full for all liabilities, he
would advise the Court to accept
Now Mina to close up this trouble
would say send on the check but
if you want to try a less amount
you might send two checks one for
$150.00 one 250.00 and I will try the

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Mallon one first, for I want to see you get away from this trouble for as little amount as possible—

All well here and will be looking for you out this way soon—

Yours affectionately
Sam M Miller

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[FL001AAF], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 9th, 1907

Title
[FL001AAF], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 9th, 1907

Author
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Lansden, John M, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1907-11-09

Type
Letter

Subject

- Labor
- Automobiles and trucks
- Electric battery

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IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, O.

Nov 9th 07

Dear Miss:-

Your kind letter, answering mine of Mr Edison received and as I now see the situation am truly sorry that I wrote my letter at all. Understanding it would take a few months yet to perfect & complete the battery for the Public use I thought it would be well for me to improve my time, if I could, in work connected with the Battery and thus familiarize myself with its various parts and become practical in using same, also by living in Newark or close to Lansdale factory where I could possibly work some and study the manufacture of the wagon. I did not expect a fixed or permanent job. Wages were a second matter. Of course if I could make my expenses earn something, it would be that

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IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, O.

much toward helping living expenses
I hope you have not mentioned
this subject to other members of the
family, it was simply a business
letter to Mr Edison, I have my name
through you and will try and be
just as happy. You forget it.
Mother and Mary have been
spending few days in Cleveland
with Grace. Must be having good
time as they are remaining day
longer than expected.
This has been a bright, cheerful
day and Cora, Elizabeth with
Howlands have spent the afternoon
at Gracemere —
I fully appreciate Mr Edison's
present task and dread to take
the last man to bother him.
Cora and Elizabeth join me in
sending love to you all.
Affectionately Dad M —

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[FL001AAG], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to John Vincent Miller, August 8th, 1908

Title
[FL001AAG], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to John Vincent Miller, August 8th, 1908

Author
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient
Miller, John Vincent

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Lansden, John M, Jr
- Bee, William George
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1908-08-08

Type
Letter

Subject

- Automobiles and trucks
- Electric battery

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IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, O.

August 8th 08

Dear John:-

I thank you for your letter. I failed to find Bee or Lansdan but met some of the other men about the Laboratory and thus had an interesting afternoon when I went in to New York and did up the sights of the Hotels and had 5th ave ride on Bus. Sunday morning met Lansdan and then spent the day with him. Most of the afternoon on his Electric Run about which was a mighty fine thing for me rode into places which I had never seen before the Electric did not work. It is just too bad the Nuo Battery is not more certain for there is sure a good business in this line and I figured I was right fixed for it. It looks

Now as though I was doomed to go after something else and I am now looking around and letter writing to find what it might be. Mr Edison early advised the Electric Wagon business and that he would have it on RC. but I now see the situation different and while I am sure he will bring it out sometime it will not do for me to wait on it for a living. + thus in the whole my trip was a disappointment to me and must brace up different now as I have a dear little family of three depending upon me. Keep me posted John all you can as sooner or later the Battery will come and business with it. I look back to Brother Mr Edison + Mina. I look at the Battery Wagon as a business matter and when the time comes I want to be prepared to deal with right parties for same — Was sorry not to meet Mina and the family — Give my love to them all

Affectionately Yours

Chautauqua Lake Ry. Co.
Electric Railway Department

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[FL001AAH], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to John Vincent Miller, August 31st, 1908

Title
[FL001AAH], Letter from Ira Mandeville Miller to John Vincent Miller, August 31st, 1908

Author
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient
Miller, John Vincent

Mentioned

- Dyer, Frank Lewis
- Weber, Peter
- Lansden, John M, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1908-08-31

Type
Letter

Subject

- Automobiles and trucks
- Electric battery

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IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

Aug 31. 1908

Dear John:

Your kind letter to hand and glad to hear from you I am much surprised what you say about the purchase of the Wagon business for when I was there Mr E. continually assured me he did not a Manufacture of Batteries and wanted nothing to do with the manufacture of Wagons. I knew however that there was something in the air but after my talk with E Landy expected it to come out so soon and rather thought it might take some other form. I am sorry to have you say that it would be best for me, to not expect much from this direction, for I have set my heart on the Electric Wagon and if the Battery

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

Comes out all right and I do not get the Wagon and fix here in the Fall I will be much disappointed. Both Mr. E T Sanborn have promised me and I don't see how they can go back on me. I will wait until the Western trip is over and then see what will develope. Thank you for the information you send me. Regarding yourself, it seems I would go slow in leaving but I would work myself much as possible into the good graces of Niles, Dyer & and gradually get them to advance me salary & all. You surely can do the work but it is just getting down to doing it and let the other fellows learn you must do it. Your family connection and association so much with Edmunds I think make these men hesitate

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

about thrusting work onto you
It may be possible I am mistaken
in regard to the authority of the head
Mech and possibly nothing is done
without Edison's consent and if so
of course Mr. E. must be satisfied
It does seem you have it in you to
get promotions in the end and you
will be best taken care of where
there else where unless you have
something pretty definite in view
and in a line you can command
and will control from the start
Your idea that we may not be
married has not shown itself to me
in your case but the same may
be true about any of the rest of
us and for that reason I am
not seeking position that such
would lead line of business here
in the West if possible. Mother &
family have us all well and will

Be glad to hear from you as often as possible. Will you be on here likely this fall? Think it would be nice to have some little family gathering before Roberts return. What say you?

Affectionately Ida

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[FL001AAI] Letter, 1908-1910

Title
[FL001AAI] Letter, 1908-1910

Author
Miller, Ira Mandeville

Recipient
Miller, John Vincent

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Lansden, John M, Jr
- Bee, William George
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Finances (TAE and family)
- Automobiles and trucks
- Electric battery

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[CA. 1908-1910]

Ira Miller

199 East Market Street
Akron Ohio,

Mr John V Miller
Orange N.J.

Dear John:-

Your letter 12th rec'd and I herewith inclose new note made as requested. Sorry I am not in position to pay this note off and him being in for it I hope Miller will bear with me as patiently as possible. Since Elizabeth has been away Grandma has been a little mixed from a sporting standpoint but as a team it is going to make good again this summer. Sorry you could not stay longer with us and get acquainted again in the neighborhood. You must come and try it again.

Bus. business generally is booming in Akron and I am now writing Landlord Beer and Mr Edison to see what I can make of the Electric Wagon. If the Battery has come today the Wagon business should move right along now and we are praying for same ____ Give me a good word anyway ____

Affectionately Geo M.

Kindly return old note